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SUBJ: GOE STATEMENT FOLLOWING JALLUD VISIT

1. DURING REGULAR NEWSCAST ON SAWT AL-ARAH 13:30 LOCAL MAY 13
AN "OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCE" WAS QUOTED AS MAKING THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: PRIME MINISTER JALLUD ASKED TO OCME TO EGYPT AT THE
REQUEST OF THE LIBYAN RCC TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS IN CAIRO, WITH A
VIEW TO RESTORING EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS TO NORMAL. FOLLOWING
JALLUD'S MEETING WITH SADAT, TRIPOLI RADIO STATION BROADCAST A
CABLE WHICH WAS SENT TO SADAT. THE CABLE READS AS FOLLOWS:

MR. PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT. HAVING FOLLOWED FOR SOME TIME
EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY EGYPT, I BECAME CERTAIN
THAT WE ARE NOT SUFFERING FROM A CRISIS OF RELATIONS BUT ONE
OF EHTICS. YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD THIS WHEN YOU
CALLED FOR A RETURN TO THE ETHICS OF THE VILLAGE. YOU HAVE
INCLUDED THIS IN THE CONSTITUTION. BUT WHEN WILL THE ETHICS
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OF THE VILLAGE TRIUMPH?

THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL SOURCE STATED THAT THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE (IN TRIPOLI) ARRIVED LATER CARRYING A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM QADHAAFI TO SADAT, DEALING WITH THE SAME SUBJECT. THE (OFFICIAL) SOURCE SAID THAT CAIRO CONSIDERS THE CABLE AND THE MESSAGE TO BE UNACCEPTABLE IN BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE. IF (CAIRO) HAD KNOWN OF THESE CONFLICTING POSITIONS IN TIME, IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER POSITION. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE FOLLOWS ON REPORTS APPEARING IN CAIRO PRESS OF ARRIVAL OF JALLUD MAY 12, HIS RECEPTION AT AIRPORT BY DEPUTY PRIMIN AND MININT SALEM AND ASHRAF MARWAN, AND MEETING WITH SADAT(A PHOTO OF WHICH APPEARS IN AHRAM ON FIRST PAGE). DESPITE RECENT DIMINUTION OF ANTI-LIBYAN PRESS PLAY (INCLUDING RELATIVELY MODERATE TREATMENT GIVEN NIMAIRI'S REVELATIONS OF QADHAAFIST INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI GOS PLOTTING), IT APPEARS THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS WILL REMAIN AT A LOW LEVEL. IT IS OF INTEREST THAT SADAT TOLD VISITING NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE GROUP ON MAY 11

THAT RELATIONS WERE"STRAINED", BUT INDICATED THIS WAS A MATTER HE COULD HANDLE. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE NO LONGER TOOK QADHAAFI SERIOUSLY.
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